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4 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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7 AN ACT

8
9 permitting the employment of certain children under the
10 supervision of certain child welfare agencies; amending Arti-
11 cle 1577, Penal Code of Texas, 1925, as amended; and declaring an
12 emergency.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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16 Section 1. Article 1577, Penal Code of Texas, 1925, as
17 amended, is amended to read as follows:

18 "Article 1577. Exemptions

19 "Upon application being made to the County Judge of any
20 county in which any child over the age of fourteen (14) years
21 shall reside, the earnings of which child are necessary for the
22 support of itself, its mother when widowed or in needy circum-
23 stances, invalid father, or of other children younger than the
24 child for whom the permit is sought, the said County Judge may
25 upon the affidavit of such child or its parents or guardian, that
26 the child for whom the permit is sought is over fourteen (14)
27 years of age, that the said child has completed the seventh grade
28 in a public school, or its equivalent, that it shall not be
29 employed in or around any mill, factory, workshop, or other place
30 where dangerous machinery is used, nor in any mine, quarry or
31 other place where explosives are used, or where the moral or
32 physical condition of such child is liable to be injured, and that
33 the earnings of such child are necessary for the support of such
34 invalid parent, widowed mother or mother in needy circumstances,
35 or of younger children, and that such support cannot be obtained
36 in any other manner, and that suitable employment has been
37 obtained for such child, which affidavit shall be accompanied by
38 the certificate of a licensed physician showing that such child is
39 physically able to perform the work or labor for which the permit
40 is sought, issue a permit for such child to enter such employment.
41 Every person, firm, or corporation employing such child shall post
42 in a conspicuous place where such child is employed, the permit
43 issued by the County Judge; provided that no permit shall be
44 issued for a period longer than twelve (12) months, but may be
45 renewed from time to time upon satisfactory evidence being pro-
46 duced that the conditions under which the former permit was issued
47 still exist, and no physical or moral injury has resulted to such
48 child by reason of its employment. In every case where a permit
49 is sought for any child, the parent, guardian or other person in
50 charge or control of such child shall appear before the County
51 Judge in person with such child for whom a permit is sought
52 before such permit shall be issued. Nothing in this Act shall
53 prevent the working of school children of any age from June 1 to
54 September 1 of each year or at any time under the supervision of

1 a public or private child welfare agency engaged in the character
2 development of young persons, but in either case the children
3 shall not be permitted to work in a factory, mill, workshop, or
4 any other place where the employment of children is prohibited by
5 law."

6 Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded
7 condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and
8 an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule
9 requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be
10 suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act
11 take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is
12 so enacted.

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